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Appendix VIII

[Vide answer to question No. 792 asked by Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 21st October 1927, page 330 supra.]

1. There were three cases of alleged torture and four of shooting in self-defence or for arresting criminals—

A. Torture cases.—(i) Alleged wrongful confinement in the Atmakur police station lock-up by the Circle Inspector of Police, Nandikotkur, and four of his subordinates of certain Erikalas, and causing hurt to them, in January 1927, for the purpose of extorting a confession and the restoration of lost property. All five officers were acquitted by the Sessions Judge, Kurnool, on all the charges including torture.

(ii) Alleged beating by the station-house officer, Krishnagiri, of an accused in a theft case in March 1927. The Subdivisional Magistrate, Kurnool, found the allegations not proved.

(iii) Alleged torturing of two talaiyaris in May 1927 by a Sub-Inspector of Police in the course of his investigation into a case of burglary in Prathakota. He has been committed to take his trial at the Sessions.

B. Shooting cases.—(i) Shooting in self-defence by an armed reserve party headed by a sergeant who raided the Jarrikonda hill in January 1927 in search of a gang of out-of-view Chenchus, who were responsible for several dacoities and robberies.

(ii) Shooting in self-defence by another party under a Deputy Superintendent of Police, who met the same gang in the heart of Nallamalai forests in February 1927.

(iii) Shooting in self-defence by a police party under a Sub-Inspector who raided an armed gang of Erikala absconders from Guntur settlements, at the foot of Loddigonda hill in June 1927.

(iv) Shooting by the Police during the Koilkuntla riots in July 1927.

2. Ten died in the shooting cases. None in the alleged torture cases.

3. The Circle Inspector of Police, Nandikotkur, and the Sub-Inspector of Police, involved in the case referred to in paragraph 1-A (i), were each suspended for a month as a specific punishment. A head constable was reduced for one year and another head constable and constable were each awarded a black mark with forfeiture of one month's leave.

The Sub-Inspector of Police referred to in paragraph 1-A (iii) is under suspension pending enquiry.

No departmental action was considered necessary in the other cases.

Appendix IX.

[Vide answer to question No. 794 asked by Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 21st October 1927, page 332 supra.]

129 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was recently an application from the owners of 55 houses burnt down by fire in Ayanamakkala of the Markapur taluk of the Kurnool district, of whom 49 were granted free concession by the Forest Department;